

COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION
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As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below, next to each name.

We believe we are original joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Improved Steel Surface Hardness Using Laser Deposition and Active Gas Shielding

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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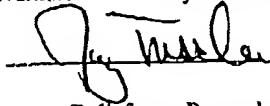
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